(5) (a) was there any difference of opinion among the doctors who saw it, as to the cause of death ;

(b) if so, what;

(6) what was the cause of death ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) Yes.

(2) Dr. M. I. Koreth, Assistant Surgeon.

(3) Yes.

(4) Both examined the body.

(5) (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(6) Probably from heart failure due to disease of the coronary arteries.

Post-mortems-General Hospital—Dr. T. Gopala Menon.

617. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi .—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many post-mortems have been conducted in the Ernakulam General Hospital since Dr. T. Gopala Menon joined duty in Meenam last after undergoing training in Bacteriology and Bio-chemistry and how many of these were conducted by Dr. T. Gopala Menon;

(b) why, in the teeth of the circular order on the subject and still in force, of the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's predecessor, the lion's share of the work of conducting post-mortems has been, and is being, given to Dr. T. Gopala Menon ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) 23—14.

(b) It is not possible to depute any other officer as the other Assistant Surgeons in the institution are at present being trained in the surgical wards.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(a). May I know, Sir whether there is anything preventing these Sub-Assistant Surgeons being deputed to conduct these post-mortem examinations.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—As a rule, a doctor who is attending to surgical cases, it is much better for him not to attend to post-mortem cases. It is in the interest of the patient.

Laboratory—Government Hospital.

618. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many specimens, each of blood, urine, sputum, stools, etc., have been examined in the Ernakulam General Hospital Laboratory, since Dr. T. Gopala Menon joined duty in

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